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1. WE SUPPORT THE GENERAL APPROACH SUGGESTED BY VIENNA CONCERNING THE TACTICS OF EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS IN PARA 3, REF A. IN PARTICULAR, WE BELIEVE VIENNA HAS A POINT RE THE NEED TO TELL THE OTHER SIDE THAT THE ALLIES ARE WILLING TO DISCUSS LIMITATIONS ON CERTAIN US ARMAMENTS AT THE SAME TIME THE AHG TELLS THE OTHER SIDE THAT LIMITATIONS ON NON-US ALLIED EQUIPMENT ARE UNACCEPTABLE. WE WOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS CONCERNING THE TEXT IN PARA 3, REF A.

2. FIRST, THE CURRENT VERSION OF PARA 5 OF THE DRAFT  
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GUIDANCE (TEXT OF THIS PARA IS PARA 3, REF B) CONTAINS A NUMBER OF DRAFTING PROPOSALS FROM OTHER ALLIES, WHICH ARE EXPLAINED IN REF B. ANY NEW US TEXT SHOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF THESE DRAFTING PROPOSALS.

3. SECOND, AS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY NOTED, THERE IS AN IMPORTANT ADVANTAGE IN THE CURRENT VERSION OF PARA 5 OF THE DRAFT GUIDANCE TAKEN IN CONJUNCTION WITH PARA 10 OF THE DRAFT GUIDANCE (TEXT OF PARAS 4 AND 6-10 ARE IN REF C). THAT ADVANTAGE IS THE SUCCESSIVE STEPS WHICH MUST TAKE PLACE BEFORE THE ALLIES CAN GIVE THE NEGATIVE ANSWER ON NON-US ALLIED EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS. (NOTE: THE CURRENT FRG POSITION IS NOT TO MOVE PARA 10 INTO PARA 5, BUT TO ADOPT THE FIRST BRACKETED PHRASE IN PARA 10, SO THAT IT WOULD READ "IF AT ANY POINT IN THE NEGOTIATIONS AFTER THE POINTS IN PARA 5 ABOVE HAVE BEEN MADE, THE EAST ASKS FOR LIMITATIONS ON ALLIED NON-US EQUIPMENTS, ETC.") VIENNA'S TEXT (PARA 3, REF A) COMBINES TWO OF THESE STEPS IN SENTENCES B AND C, SINCE IN THE CURRENT VERSION OF PARA 5, FURTHER EASTERN PRESSURE WOULD BE NEEDED TO TELL THE EAST THAT NON-US ALLIED EQUIPMENT IS NOT PART OF THE ALLIED OFFER. THIS STEP COULD BE INTRODUCED IN VIENNA'S TEXT BY INSERTING: "IF FURTHER PRESSED" AT THE BEGINNING OF SENTENCE C IN THE VIENNA TEXT. IF THE OPTION III OFFER WERE MADE TO THE EAST TOWARD THE END OF THIS NEGOTIATING ROUND, THE EXTRA STEP COULD RESULT IN NOT GIVING THE EAST FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE ALLIED POSITION ON EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS PRIOR TO THE RECESS.

4. THIRD, THE FIRST PART OF SENTENCE D IN THE VIENNA TEXT WOULD REQUIRE AN AHG JUDGEMENT THAT IT WOULD HELP OBTAIN AN INSTRUCTED EASTERN RESPONSE BEFORE THE AHG COULD GIVE THE FINAL NEGATIVE ANSWER TO EASTERN QUESTIONS ON NON-US EQUIPMENT LIMITATIONS. WE CAN EXPECT SOME OF THE ALLIES TO OPPOSE THIS REQUIREMENT. THE US SHOULD CONSIDER IN ADVANCE WHETHER WE COULD EVENTUALLY DROP THE PHRASE "AND IN THE JUDGMENT OF ALLIED NEGOTIATORS, A FURTHER CLARIFYING STATEMENT ON THE WESTERN POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT WOULD BE HELPFUL IN OBTAINING AN INITIAL INSTRUCTED EASTERN RESPONSE."

5. FOURTH, SENTENCE D(II) OF THE VIENNA TEXT BRINGS IN  
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REDUCTION OF NON-US ALLIED EQUIPMENT, WHICH WE WOULD

CONSIDER MORE A PARA 3 ISSUE. IT WOULD SEEM PREFERABLE NOT TO JUXTAPOSE THE FACT THAT REDUCTION OF NON-US ALLIED EQUIPMENT IS MERELY NOT PART OF THE WESTERN OFFER, WHILE LIMITATIONS ON NON-US ALLIED EQUIPMENT ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE. BRUCE

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